

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Please delete the present title and substitute therefor:**

-- ~~Method and Apparatus for~~ Increasing [[the]] Traffic Handling Performance of an  
Elevator System Based Upon Load --.

**On page 1, immediately above “Field of the Invention”, please insert the following as a new paragraph:**

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application serial no. 10/113,517, filed March 28, 2002, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--